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1. During September 1946 youthful offenders from the Mecklenburg area were taken to the former Sachsenhausen concentration camp. It is stated that the MVD interrogators were disinterested in the petty offenses that the youths had committed and concentrated on ascertaining the scholastic abilities and interests of these 13, 14, and 15 year old boys.
2. It is rumored that the Russians intend to deport these youths to the Soviet Union to train them as Russian officers and engineers, and even future leaders.
3. It was reported that there were still a large number of German youths from Sachsenhausen camp, on 29 November 1946. They were wearing Russian uniforms; were permitted to speak nothing but Russian, and were acting as orderlies to Russian officers.
4. It is rumored that German officer PWs are being asked to train Russian soldiers as well as these German youths.
5. Those officer PWs who have been discharged by the Americans or British, and who show promise particularly in educational and engineering fields, are being deported to Russia by way of Sachsenhausen and Frankfurt/Oder. Even severely disabled PWs are being deported.
6. After 10 June 1946 conditions for German PWs in Russia improved noticeably. This was especially true for officers, intellectuals, engineers, etc.

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